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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | | |
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| 1 | M. GERL et al. |) Group Art Unit: 1641 |
| Applica | ation No.: 09/695,919 |) Examiner: Jacob Cheu |
| Filed: (| October 26, 2000 |)) |
| - (| A NEW IMMUNOLOGIC ASSAY TO DETERMINE C-PEPTIDE CONTAINING IMPURITIES IN SAMPLES OF HUMAN INSULIN AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF | FEB 2 0 2004 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003. Please enter the amendments and remarks/arguments presented in this paper.

This reply is submitted with a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to February 12, 2004, and the appropriate fee payment. Please grant any extensions of time necessary to enter this reply and charge any required fees not found herewith to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the listing of claims beginning on the following page.

Remarks/Arguments follow the listing of the claims of this paper.

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